

2nd John #1 “2nd John Introduction”

2nd John 1-2

Once Jesus Christ is born of a virgin, no longer does Satan try to attack the seed of the woman.

Satan’s attack is now to distort, ignore and discredit facts about the virgin birth, the cross and all central principles of salvation.

John, being John continues to emphasize truth and love, encouraging all believers to know the living embodiment of truth and His message of truth, found in the teachings of Jesus Christ, the true Son of God who’s taken on true humanity and our following Him in intimate experiential abiding fellowship means keeping His commands which are the truth and we must never forget the main command which is to love one another as He loves us.

1st John focused on our fellowship with God and His Son and 2nd John focuses on protecting our fellowship with Jesus Christ from those who seek to steal us away by teaching lies.

John is not saying be hateful or even angry with them but he is emphasizing Paul’s point that a little leaven or yeast effects the whole loaf of bread.

The Lord Jesus Christ has every right to require us to listen to Him as to what true love is and how’s it’s expressed to accomplish its goals and so John tells us that effective love has two governors: truth and discerning wisdom.

Truth without love is cold, harsh and insensitive and love without truth is emotional, sentimental and mis-guided.

Positional truth which declares all believers righteous in God’s sight as a result of God the Father imputing the righteousness of Jesus Christ to each member of the body of Christ through the baptism of the Holy Spirit placing them in union with Christ, guaranteeing that God the Father will personally love every believer with the same amount of love He has for Jesus Christ.

God must be the subject of the verb before any verb can be divine love.

John, like all good pastor-teachers, loves his congregation and how does he show it?

By means of God’s truth which he’s learned, understood, believed and applied for himself and now teaches to them.

The highest expression of pastoral love for his congregation is not visiting them, recognizing them as they walk through the door of the church; it’s teaching them biblical truth so that they can fulfill the plan of God.

Preconceived human viewpoint notions circulating in our stream of consciousness contradict biblical truth that has reached our mind as academic knowledge.

These false notions give us a false impression of self and they're just waiting for Bible knowledge to come along so they can reject it and not believe it.

Most believers have been completely deceived with the myth that certain circumstances bring happiness or legalism is happiness.

Reality is that only virtue, integrity and honor based on learning and applying biblical truth is happiness.